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1. WE APPRECIATE MOSCOW'S ANALYSIS OF "IZVESTIA'S" NOV 25 ATTACK ON NORWEGIAN PRESS, NOBEL PREACE PRIZE COMMITTEE, AND OTHERS.
2. DURING A DISCUSSION WITH NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND ON NOV 29 I ASKED HIM FOR HIS OPINION ON THE SOVIET REASONING AND TIMING BEHIND THE "IZVESTIA" ARTICLE. HIS RESPONSE PLAYED DOWN THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ARTICLE. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE ARTICLE'S APPEARANCE AT THIS TIME WAS SIMPLY RESULT OF SOVIET CONFIDENTIAL

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BUREACRACY'S SLOW RESPONSE TO THE SAME CRITICISM OF THE NORWEGIAN PRESS AND SELECTED INSTITUTIONS MADE TO HIM BY FOREIGN MINISTR GROMYKO DURING THEIR MEETING IN SEPTEMBER AT THE UN.

3. A DIFFERING PERSPECTIVE WAS GIVEN BY DIRECTOR TIM GREVE OF THE NOBEL INSTITUTE WHO SPECULATED THAT THE "IZVESTIA" ATTACK ON THE INSTITUTE AT THIS TIME MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT PUBLICATION OF THEIR YEARBOOK, "LE PRIX NOBEL", CONTAINING SPEECHES OF LAST YEAR'S PRIZE WINNERS, INCLUDING SAKHAROV'S CPEECH DELIVERED BY HIS WIFE LAST DECEMBER.

4. COMMENT: ONE ASPECT OF THE NORWEGIAN SITUATION WE CAN PROBABLY COUNT ON IS, AS MINISTER FRYDENLUND REMARKED, THAT SUCH HEAVY HANDED ATTACKS ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE SOVIET'S INTERESTS.
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